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Letters to the editor



WS-C has rights, too

To the editor:

The people of Maine have demonstrated to an overwhelming degree their close-mindedness and inability to cope with this ever changing world in which we live.

Throughout the past weeks, thousands of citizens have condemned the Wilde-Stein Club at the UMO campus because of its so-called "decadent immoral character" and the projected injurious influence of this club upon the "citizens' children at UMO." Furthermore the University Trustees have also been condemned for allowing such an association to exist on the Orono campus and permitting a convention to be held in April.

The Wilde-Stein Club has every right to exist at this campus or any campus throughout the United States. Who are we to say that a particular person or a certain faction is not allowed to enjoy the freedom and the right of assembly? True, we have every right to state our opinions, but we have no right to deny and destructively criticize another's life style. Even the First Amendment of the United States Constitution asserts that there will be no

abridging of the right of the people to peaceably assemble.

Is this what we call a disgrace to our college? Let us make use of common sense. People are people. Basically we have all been created equally. We are all human beings! Can't we even learn to live with one another for the sake of understanding different ideals and philosophies? If we consider people "sick," let's not push them aside or try them as outcasts. Let us rather deal with the problem logically and rationally.

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